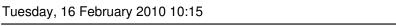
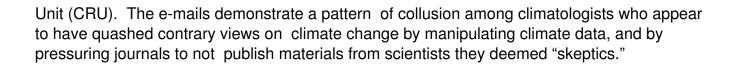
Mann's involvement in the Climategate scandal prompted a review by Penn State, which resulted in the university announcing a broader inquiry into one of the charges relating to his research activity. The letter to Lerner said that despite the fact that the NSF grants were awarded prior to revelations about the CRU e-mails, the NSF should have been motivated by the Climategate scandal to conduct an independent investigation into the grants. Additionally, Sensenbrenner said that the Obama Administration has resisted any efforts at a full-scale investigation into the veracity of climate research.
"Research that doesn't earn confidence in the scientific community shouldn't then earn stimulus grant money from beleaguered taxpayers. This scandal is dramatically undercutting the reliability of climate science. The government should freeze these types of grants until there is a full-scale investigation that resolves these serious concerns," Sensenbrenner said.
The letter follows:

Allison C. Lerner

February 16, 2010

Inspector General
National Science Foundation
Office of Inspector General
4201 Wilson Boulevard
Arlington, VA 22230
Dear Inspector General Lerner:
A recent article in <i>The Wall Street Journal</i> highlighted that in 2009, NSF approved almost \$2.5 million dollars in stimulus funds to pay for work conducted by Dr. Michael Mann, Director of the Earth System Science Center at The Pennsylvania State University.
Dr. Mann became a household name last November when he was identified as one of the key players in e-mails that were released about the University of East Anglia's Climatic Research





As a result of these revelations, several government and educational institutions have initiated investigations into the matter, including The Pennsylvania State University's internal inquiry into allegations of research misconduct against Dr. Mann.

The Pennsylvania State University issued a report on that inquiry on February 3 and concluded that an investigation was required as one of the four allegations warranted further scrutiny:

Given that information emerged in the form of the emails purloined from CRU in November 2009, which have raised questions in the public's mind about Dr. Mann's conduct of his research activity, given that this may be undermining confidence in his findings as a scientist, and given that it may be undermining public trust in science in general and climate science specifically, the inquiry committee believes an investigatory committee of faculty peers from diverse fields should be constituted under RA-10 to further consider this allegation.

This is not the first time Dr. Mann has found himself under investigation for his academic practices. In 2006, "similar questions were asked about Dr. Mann and these questions motivated the National Academy of Sciences to undertake an in-depth investigation of his

research." While Dr. Mann was exonerated, it is troubl context of the CRU e-mails.	ing to note his reemergence within the
We understand the NSF grants to Dr. Mann were made e-mails. However, conversations with NSF staff on Feb been taken to freeze or withdraw the stimulus funds autight of the many questions and concerns raised by the Pennsylvania State University's decision to further investigated initiate an independent investigation into the response to our letter by March 5, 2010.	bruary 4 revealed that no steps have horized for Dr. Mann's research. In CRU e-mails, highlighted in part by The estigate Dr. Mann, we encourage you to
Sincerely,	
F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr.	Darrell Issa
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